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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Bashir Zikria, et al
Serial No.: 08/837840
Filed: April 22, 1997
For: Capillary Membrane Stabilization And Reduction
Of Tissue Injury . . .
Group: 1023
Examiner: Gary Kunz
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT
BASED ON FAILURE TO RECEIVE OFFICE ACTION
(MPEP 711.03(c) II AND 37 CFR SECTION 1.181)

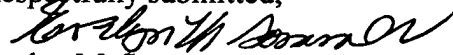
1. The undersigned received a Notice of Abandonment of the above-identified application dated August 9, 2004, for "failure to timely pay the requested issue fee and publication fee . . . within the statutory period of three months from the mailing of the notice of allowance." (Exhibit A)
2. The Notice of Allowance and Fees Due was never received.
3. On May 28, 2004, and June 28, 2004, the undersigned forwarded status letters to the Patent and Trademark Office inquiring into the status of the application (Exhibits B and C). No response was ever received to the requests for status.
4. As no Notice of Allowance was ever received, nothing was docketed for response.

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5. When an office action or any matter requiring response is required, several entries are made directly on the face of the office action (Exhibit D). These dates are then entered into a docket book for taking up for review and/or action (see enclosed pages of docket book, Exhibits E-G). An example of the docketing of an issue fee is seen from the attached Exhibits H and I.
6. As no Notice of Allowance was received, there could not have been nor was there any reason to docket the same.
7. It is noted that the office action doesn't reference the date of the Notice of Allowance.
8. Immediately upon receipt of the missing papers, the fees will be paid.
9. No fee is required.
10. The undersigned declares that all statements made herein are true and that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of this document and the registration to which it relates.

It is respectfully requested that this Petition be granted and that the undersigned be notified of the status of the application and/or when a patent will be issued.

Respectfully submitted,



Evelyn M. Sommer

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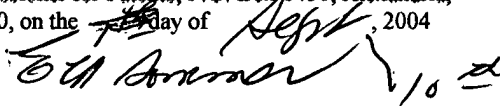
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APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
08/837,840	04/22/1997	BASHIR ZIKRIA		8063

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NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT

This application is abandoned in view of:

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TOM L. JAMES
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- ☐ Applicant's failure to timely file a proper reply to the Office letter mailed on _____
- ☐ A reply (with Certificate of Mailing or Transmission of _____) was received on _____ which is after the expiration of the period for reply (including a total extension of time of _____ month(s)) which expired on _____.
- ☐ A proposed reply was received on _____, but it does not constitute a proper reply under 37 CFR 1.113 to the final rejection.
(A proper reply under 37 CFR 1.113 to a final rejection consists only of: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114).
- ☐ A reply was received on _____, but it does not constitute a proper reply, or a *bona fide* attempt at a proper reply, to the non-final rejection. See 37 CFR 1.85(a) and 1.111. (See explanation in the last box below).
- ☐ No reply has been received.
- ☒ Applicant's failure to timely pay the required issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, within the statutory period of three months from the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85).
- ☐ The issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, was received on _____ (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated _____), which is after the expiration of the statutory period for payment of the issue fee (and publication fee) set in the Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85)(or Notice of Publication Fee Due).
- ☐ The submitted fee of \$ _____ is insufficient. A balance of \$ _____ is due.
The issue fee by 37 CFR 1.18 is \$ _____. The publication fee, if required, by 37 CFR 1.18(d) is \$ _____.
- ☒ The issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, have not been received.
- ☐ Applicant's failure to timely file corrected drawings as required by, and within the three-month period set in, the Notice of Allowability (PTOL-37).
- ☐ Proposed corrected drawings were received on _____ (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated _____), which is after the expiration of the period for reply.
- ☐ No corrected drawings have been received.
- ☐ The letter of express abandonment which is signed by the attorney or agent of record, the assignee of the entire interest, or all the applicants.
- ☐ The letter of express abandonment which is signed by an attorney or agent (acting in a representative capacity under 37 CFR 1.34(a)) upon filing of a continuing application.
- ☐ The decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences rendered on _____ and because the period for seeking court review of the decision has expired and there are no allowed claims.
- ☐ The reason(s) below: _____

Petitions to revive under 37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b), or requests to withdraw the holding of abandonment under 37 CFR 1.181, should be promptly filed to minimize any negative effects on patent term.



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Mail Stop Status Request
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May 26, 2004

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Status Letter

The above-entitled application was appealed to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences ("Board").

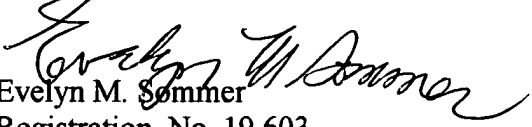
On May 28, 2002, the Board issued a decision in which the rejection of claims 1-20, all of the claims in the case, was **reversed**. Due to problems with the undersigned's mailing address, the decision was not received for some time. The Board and the Office were contacted and it was delivered, the matter of the address was completely resolved.

To date, however, no patent has been issued on the application nor any reason provided why this has not happened.

Exhibits B

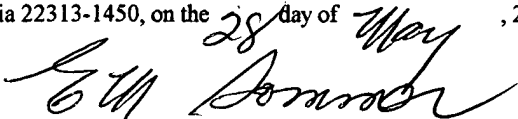
It is respectfully requested that the undersigned be notified as soon as possible of the status of the application and/or when the patent will issue.

Respectfully submitted,


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June 25, 2004

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Second Status Request

The above-entitled application was appealed to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences ("Board").

On May 28, 2002, the Board issued a decision in which the rejection of claims 1-20, all of the claims in the case, was reversed. Due to problems with the undersigned's mailing address the decision was not received for some time. The Board and the Office were contacted and it was delivered, the matter of the address was completely resolved.

To date, however, no patent has been issued on the application nor any reason provided why this has not happened.

Exhibited

It is respectfully requested that the undersigned be notified as soon as possible of the status of the application and/or when the patent will issue.

A copy of the previous status letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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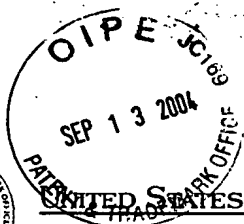
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APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
08/967,562	11/12/1997	BASHIR ZIKRIA		7262

TITLE OF INVENTION: ANTI-SNORING APPARATUS

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APPLN. TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	ISSUE FEE	PUBLICATION FEE	TOTAL FEE(S) DUE	DATE DUE
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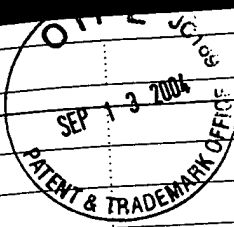
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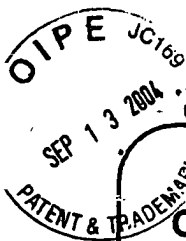
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